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Project Mission

The mission of the Violence Against Women Education Project is to enhance the court's response to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking issues through the following activities:

- Identifying primary educational and informational needs of the courts on domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking issues;
- Initiating new judicial branch educational programming pertaining to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including the delivery of regional training events, and enhancing existing programming;
- Developing and compiling useful information for the courts on domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking issues that relates specifically to California law;
- Institutionalizing inclusion of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking issues in all relevant judicial branch education curricula, programs, and publications;
- Creating incentives designed to increase attendance and participation in judicial branch education relating to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking;
- Increasing communication among courts regarding emerging promising practices for responding to cases involving domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking;
- Providing jurisdiction-specific technical assistance on domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking issues of the greatest importance to local courts; and
- Creating educational tools that aid in the administration of justice for self-represented litigants in domestic violence cases.

Education in Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Cases: A Critical Need

Many of California's judicial officers, whether they hear criminal cases, civil proceedings, juvenile dependency cases alleging violence, or family law cases involving contested divorce and custody arrangements, are at some point likely to encounter issues related to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. These types of cases represent a departure from others since they arise in a variety of court contexts and departments. Judges in any assignment can benefit from a working knowledge of the unique issues that these cases pose, while judicial officers presiding over specialized courts (such as criminal domestic violence or Domestic Violence Prevention Act courts) need continuing, relevant, and advanced information and resources.

Other court professionals play a critical role in ensuring access to the courts for the parties in these cases. From the counter clerk who may be the first representative of the court system to assist a victim of domestic violence to the bailiff in the courtroom who performs crucial safety functions to the document examiner who ensures that legal requirements are met—all work together to assist in administering these cases. Each court professional needs essential job-related information: an understanding of the law and procedure underlying these cases, a grounding in the basic principles of public service and safety, and information about how to reduce the stress of functioning in this difficult area.

Thus, ongoing and pertinent education for judicial officers and other judicial branch professionals is critically important to the fair and efficient administration of justice in these important cases. The Violence Against Women Education Project (VAWEP) is an initiative designed to meet this need. VAWEP is a project of the Administrative Office of the Courts' (AOC) Center for Families, Children & the Courts (CFCC). VAWEP provides to the courts information, educational materials, and training on the role of the courts in responding to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking cases in family, civil, criminal, and juvenile courts in California. VAWEP also assists local courts in developing education, policy, and promising practices. VAWEP continually assesses the greatest information and training needs of the courts and designs programs responsive to those needs.

FUNDING INFORMATION

This was the third year of the VAWEP initiative. The project is funded by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) with resources from the federal Office on Violence Against Women's (OVW) STOP (Services • Training • Officers • Prosecutors) grant program (See the Appendix for a description of the STOP purpose areas.)

Each state is required to allocate 5 percent of its annual STOP grant funding to support the courts in creating a more effective response to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking cases. To this end, VAWEP received \$504,308 (for the period from October 2004 through September 2005) in funding from OVW and OES that allowed the Administrative Office of the Courts to continue and enhance its efforts to educate and inform judicial officers and court staff about domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking issues.

Review of VAWEP Activities: October 1, 2004–September 30, 2005

In an effort to meet the project's goals and comply with the program purpose areas set forth by the Office on Violence Against Women, VAWEP staff and planning committee members undertook activities in three major areas: the delivery of educational events, the distribution of technical assistance to local trial courts and regions, and the development of teaching materials, resources, and publications. A brief summary of each of these activities is provided in the following pages.

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

Since the project's inception, more than 3,600 individuals have participated in VAWEP-sponsored training events and forums. VAWEP participants are primarily judges, commissioners, referees, and court staff. Some programs also involve justice-system partners such as attorneys, mental health providers, law enforcement, and advocates. A description of the VAWEP educational events held during this grant year follows.

Continuing Judicial Studies Programs (CJSP) (January–April 2005) Two one-day courses were offered as part of the Continuing Judicial Studies Program series.

Sexual Assault

The first course, on sexual assault issues, was offered at the January 2005 CJSP program. The course was designed as a basic overview for judges with limited experience in these cases. Educational topics included an introduction to sexual assault cases, voir dire and jury issues, the role of expert witnesses, special protections for victims, and prior bad acts and other special evidentiary issues. Fourteen judicial officers attended this program.

The second course, held in April 2005, was designed to focus on selected issues in sexual assault. The course included information on the impact of DNA in these cases, offender characteristics, managing the media in high-profile cases, sentencing, and postsentencing issues for sexually violent predators and mentally disordered sex offenders. Twenty-one judges attended this course.

Both courses garnered positive feedback, including the following comments:

This course exposed me to a lot of problems to be aware of for these types of cases.

Good course and content!

Great course—covered [a] lot of ground and, as usual, the materials were outstanding!

Good course, good materials, [and] knowledgeable instructors.

Domestic Violence

The January 2005 CJSP program also included a basic one-week course for judges and commissioners new to a family law assignment. Thirty-eight judicial officers attended this program. The course contained significant components relating to domestic violence, including segments on the effects of domestic violence on children, differential assessment of domestic violence, outcomes for children exposed to domestic violence, and the co-occurrence of substance abuse with domestic violence and their relationship. Following is a sampling of comments received:

The ... presentation on avoiding burnout was the most valuable segment for me. I would have liked more time on this, and as a result, I will try to create and support a family law community. I will try to monitor negative thoughts.

I cannot imagine starting a Family Law assignment with my lack of background without this course. Thanks.

Excellent, knowledgeable, [and] inspiring faculty. All were enthusiastic, prepared, dedicated, and generous with their time and attention.

Domestic violence–related programs were also held at the April 2005 Spring Education Week program. The first course, “Domestic Violence Protective Orders: Issuance, Effects, and Enforcement,” had an enrollment of 19 judicial officers. This course focused on how to craft clear and enforceable orders and emphasized problems relating to the issuance, effects, and enforcement of protective orders. Additional topics included the court’s responsibility to ensure that orders are entered into the Domestic Violence Restraining Order System (DVROS); procedures for alleviating additional burdens on the parties to ensure entry into the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS); and strategies for avoiding unclear or conflicting orders. Participants noted the following comments on their evaluation forms:

This was the best section I attended. [The instructors] covered the material well.

Make [the course] longer—there is so much more territory to be covered, even in an intro course.

[An] excellent entry-level program.

Both [instructors] were knowledgeable, organized and enthusiastic.

The second course, “Domestic Violence, Child Sexual Abuse, and Addiction: Is There a Continuum?,” drew 57 participants. The course discussed the following issues: What happens in the future to the sexually abused child? Do victims of child abuse later become victims or perpetrators of domestic violence? Do they have problems with addiction? The discussion also included implications for treatment. Participants noted the following comments on their evaluation forms:

This was one of the best segments in any seminar I have attended.

Best presentation of [the] entire program. Thank you for bringing this information.

These subjects are at the heart of what we should be giving a priority to, and each judicial officer can never receive too much exposure to these discussions.

Regional Training on Sexual Assault Issues and an Overview of Domestic Violence Cases and Protective Orders (May 2005)

Participants at the Cow County Judges Institute held in Santa Rosa were offered two pre-institute courses on domestic violence and sexual assault issues. The first course, “Judicial Decision Making in Sexual Assault Cases,” drew 11 participants. This course offered rural county judges a unique opportunity to discuss substantive and procedural law that does not necessarily apply in other criminal cases. The training included a discussion on procedures related to the handling of sexual assault cases during pretrial, trial, and posttrial sentencing and relevant procedures under the sexually violent predator law. Judicial officers in attendance responded very favorably to this course.

The written materials were very good and will be useful.

The instructor was great.

Two sessions of “Beyond the Basics: An Overview of Domestic Violence Cases and Protective Orders” were conducted with a total enrollment of 50. Course topics included ideas on how to craft clear and enforceable protective orders, firearms restrictions, and problems relating to the issuance, effects, and enforcement of protective orders. Additional discussion topics included the court’s responsibility to ensure that orders are entered into DVROS; procedures for alleviating additional burdens on the parties to ensure entry into CLETS; and strategies for avoiding unclear or conflicting orders. Both courses were well received, and feedback was extremely positive:

The hypothetical [scenarios] were very helpful in highlighting important issues.

Good instructors—very knowledgeable.

[The faculty] knew the subject matter. [Their] vast experience with restraining orders offered the class an insight into a very difficult area of law.

Domestic Violence Judicial Institute (March 2005) This judicial education program was based on a national interdisciplinary curriculum developed by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the Family Violence Prevention Fund. The three-day program included workshops on fact-finding, fairness and cultural issues in domestic violence cases, decision-making skills and enforcement, victim behavior, and perpetrator behavior. The program also included sessions designed to engage judicial officers in practical courtroom exercises addressing the complexity of domestic violence cases as well as specific issues facing California judicial officers. Institute participants gave the program excellent evaluations and particularly valued its interdisciplinary approach. A total of 40 judicial officers from 13 California counties attended the institute. The evaluations of the Domestic Violence Judicial Institute included the following comments from participants:

I would like every judicial officer in my county who signs temporary restraining orders [or] has emergency protective order duty, to attend this conference.

This is the third seminar I've attended and every year it improves. The seminar leaders are more knowledgeable and the information is getting smoother.

[This program was] a very good inter-disciplinary approach to [the] subject. [The program] got me thinking and re-evaluating. [An] excellent cross pollination of criminal, family, and juvenile [domestic violence issues].

Getting to meet others from varying judicial backgrounds and exchange ideas in a friendly, non-adversarial environment [was helpful to me].

Broadcast for Court Employees (August 2005) Court employees at more than 200 court sites had an opportunity to view a one-hour broadcast that focused on the role of the court in enforcing protective orders in domestic violence cases. Discussion topics included the various types of restraining orders, the critical need to ensure that orders are clear and concise and do not conflict with other court orders, and firearms prohibitions. Participants also received a complete description of DVROS and CLETS presented by the Office of the Attorney General. The broadcast aired live twice, followed by two recorded rebroadcasts to give interested court staff ample opportunity to view it.

Participant feedback was extremely positive and included these statements:

I did not realize before this broadcast how inadequate many of our systems are regarding the enforcement of domestic violence restraining orders.

The description of CLETS/DVROS interaction and how police utilize information [was helpful].

[I realized] the importance of having a system of checks and balances in making sure orders are entered in CLETS! [Providing information on] whether or not out-of-state restraining orders are valid in California [was useful].

I really learned a lot from this training. For example: which restraining orders are more important and how they help out law enforcement agencies to enforce and serve them.

[Because of this training, I] understand the difference between CLETS and DVROS. [I] also learned [that certain] provisions such as [firearms] cannot be crossed off a legal document.

Although our county already enters protective orders into CLETS, [during our group activity time] we were able to discuss other ways [the court] can enhance the process for litigants, users, and judicial officers.

B. E. Witkin Judicial College of California (June 2005) Courses on domestic violence awareness, criminal sexual assault, and criminal domestic violence were delivered as part of the B. E. Witkin Judicial College of California, a nationally recognized program providing comprehensive education to all new superior court judges, commissioners, and referees. The courses provided information related to domestic violence awareness and the criminal court's response to sexual assault cases.

Sixty-three judicial officers attended the mandatory Domestic Violence Awareness course and submitted positive evaluations and feedback that included the following remarks:

[This course] brings to light a huge problem. The criminal, juvenile, and family law courts do not know what the other courts are doing.

[The video was] a good review of the issues surrounding domestic violence cases.

The course definitely increased my awareness of domestic violence.

Seven judicial officers attended the Criminal Sexual Assault course. The response from this course was also quite positive:

[In the future] give this course more time.

Twenty judicial officers attended the Criminal Domestic Violence course and offered the following evaluations:

[The] instructor was great and very knowledgeable.

[The instructor] provided] both legal information and practical tips.
Love it.

Statewide Judicial Branch Conference (September 2005) For the first time, the Judicial Council, in conjunction with the State Bar and California Judges Association, held a one-week statewide event for judicial officers and attorneys. Three workshops focusing on domestic violence issues were held during the statewide conference. The first workshop, “Domestic Violence, Community Activities, and Ethics,” drew 14 participants. Judicial officers are expected and encouraged to engage in community activities and outreach within the limits of the law and ethical standards. This course discussed community activities and outreach in the context of domestic violence cases.

A second workshop, “The Judge’s Role in Domestic Violence Cases,” drew 23 participants and focused on special issues and situations unique to a judicial assignment involving domestic violence allegations. Topics discussed included the role of the judicial officer, community outreach, ethical dilemmas, strategies for avoiding unintended bias, and coping with burnout. Participants provided the following comments:

This was an excellent course on the difficulties faced by high volume domestic violence judges who want to do a good job but are out numbered and out flanked by the litigants, system, lack of resources, lack of leadership, resources delegated to the assignment, and lack of peer respect.

[This workshop] normalized my belief that the old, traditional view of [the] role of a judge in domestic violence or family law case is inadequate.

[The] stress portion [was most beneficial to me]. [The course was] very illuminating with practical information and strategies for management.

The final workshop, “Sex Offenders: Sentencing and Management Issues for Judges,” drew 14 participants. This course discussed nationally emerging best practices relating to adult and juvenile sex offenders, including the types of data judges need to make informed decisions regarding sentencing, placement, and treatment of sex offenders. Participants gained an understanding of sex offender etiology, treatment, risk assessment, and supervision, and analyzed national statistics and theories associated with these offenses. Participants offered the following comments: Hearing about effective ways to measure validity of “expert” information presented to me [was beneficial].

Hopefully I will make more informed decisions at sentencing [as a result of this course].

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND LOCAL TRAINING

Technical assistance and local training are provided through the Domestic Violence Safety Partnership (DVSP) project. (October 2004–September 2005) The DVSP project was developed to enhance safety and improve practices and protocols in the handling of domestic violence cases by offering advice, hands-on technical assistance, a speakers bureau/peer mentoring, and local education and training. Trial courts participate in the program by voluntarily filling out the DVSP self-assessment tool. This self-assessment tool consists of legal mandates and other safety considerations relating to domestic violence cases and in particular the handling of restraining orders. The assessment helps courts identify areas in which technical assistance or training may be most beneficial. The AOC then provides educational opportunities or technical assistance at the court’s request. Participation in the self-assessment is voluntary and is not a prerequisite to obtaining assistance under this program, although courts are strongly encouraged to complete the process, and those that do will be given priority. Those courts that have completed the assessment have found it useful in identifying areas where training and technical assistance are needed.

Ten instances of assistance were provided to the trial courts and AOC departments or regional offices. Following are examples of the types of programs provided under this section:

Family Dispute Resolution Statewide Educational (FDR) Institute The FDR institute is an annual statewide event for family court mediators and family law judges. One day of the program is specifically designed to allow mediators and judicial officers to jointly attend workshops. Three domestic violence–related workshops were held: “Stalking: The Measure of Dangerousness,” “Was Snow White a Battered Women,” and “Assessment in Domestic Violence Cases.” It has been extremely beneficial for family law mediators and family law judges to collaboratively attend these workshops to recognize symptoms of domestic violence and improve services to the parties.

New Court Professional Training This was a one-week AOC-sponsored training for new court staff in the family dispute resolution field. The following three workshops were funded through this project: “Working with Parents of Young Children Who Have Witnessed Domestic Violence: Effects of DV Exposure and Changes in the Parenting Environment”; “Co-occurrence of Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence”; “Legal Framework: History, Rules, and Codes (Domestic Violence).”

Superior Court of Butte County—Domestic Violence Summit The project partially funded an interdisciplinary domestic violence summit held at California State University at Chico. The one-day collaborative event featured guest speaker Casey Gwinn, who led the effort to open the nationally acclaimed San Diego Family Justice Center. The San Diego Justice Center provides a comprehensive “one-stop-shop” approach to the provision of services to victims of family violence. The summit also included a panel of domestic violence service providers to discuss roles and responsibilities of staff and practitioners. Finally, the program included the creation of action plans to address some of the key issues identified by local government and community service providers as critical to improving Butte County’s community response to domestic violence. Approximately 97 participants attended the summit.

Superior Court of Contra Costa County Nationally prominent faculty presented at the court’s four-hour mandatory training for family law mediators and evaluators. The training included a discussion on intimate partner violence, risk assessment and implications for women’s safety, and an update on legal mandates.

Superior Court of Los Angeles County Dr. Peter Jaffe, a nationally recognized speaker on domestic violence issues, presented at the court’s Annual Family Law Judicial Retreat. Dr. Jaffe provided the participants with suggestions for handling the stress judges may experience from handling high conflict family law cases where domestic violence is an issue.

Superior Court of Sonoma County

The court requested assistance to improve services and practices through its Domestic Violence Action Council. The court requested funding to visit the Superior Court of Santa Clara County to observe and discuss its effective utilization of community resources and its collaborative efforts. Fourteen members of Sonoma's Domestic Violence Action Council participated in the site visit, including law enforcement, judicial officers, a family law attorney, and social services staff. The project also provided an expert facilitator to assist the court in developing a strategic plan for the council.

Superior Court of Orange County

The court developed specialized domestic violence courts in several locations and requested a comprehensive domestic violence training for all court staff, including judges, clerks, and bailiff. The training discussed selected domestic violence issues, the effects of domestic violence on children, and intervention programs. The program also included separate roundtable discussions for judicial officers and court staff.

Superior Court of San Bernardino County

To ensure victim safety and staff accountability, the court requested assistance with a local educational project for court clerks. A four-hour training program was designed to include a complete review of all domestic violence forms; an update on new and/or revised rules, statutes, and mandates relating to domestic violence; and a sensitivity component to educate clerks on the dynamics involved with domestic violence victims. Approximately 26 staff members participated in the training.

Superior Court of San Francisco County

The court identified access to CLETS as a high priority and requested a site visit to other trial courts that had successfully obtained both inquiry and entry access. The Superior Courts of San Bernardino and Orange Counties were identified as two representative courts with good technical and operational procedures in place. San Francisco's team, consisting of the family law administrator, information systems analyst and operations analyst, met with similar counterparts at the two courts.

Superior Court of Ventura County

The court requested technical assistance for an AOC domestic violence staff attorney to facilitate a courtwide meeting to discuss the results of their self-assessment. The meeting was successful, and the court is planning a follow-up meeting in 2006.

TEACHING MATERIALS, RESOURCES, AND PUBLICATIONS

Interactive Court Forms Project (September 2005) A computer program called HotDocs was used to develop five interactive forms to help self-represented litigants, advocates, and court staff prepare forms, declarations, and orders in domestic violence cases. Often victims of domestic violence have difficulty developing their declarations in a way that is understandable to the court. This can result in delays in cases and in the issuance of protective orders. This program helps the victim or person completing the form understand the kind of information that needs to be included in supporting declarations in order to meet legal requirements. In addition to the restraining order declaration program, interactive name-change forms were developed specifically for San Francisco, Riverside, and Ventura counties, as well as a universal name-change triage form.

Judges Guide to Domestic Violence Cases (September 2005)

This practical judges' handbook consists of the following component parts:

- California Protective Orders (Revised 2005)
- Emergency Protective Order (EPO) Quick Reference Guide (Revised 2005)
- Firearms and Full Faith and Credit (Revised 2005)
- Immigration and Domestic Violence
- Stalking

The five components were consolidated into one volume for easy reference and accessibility. They can also be used separately and will be updated separately. Each component focuses on the information, case law, and statutes that judicial officers need to know in the relevant subject area. The guide has been published, distributed to all judicial officers, and posted on a Web site designed for judicial officers.

Draft California Benchbook on Sexual Assault (September 2005)

VAWEP initiated development of a new practical benchbook for judges on sexual assault cases. During this grant year a draft edition was completed and reviewed. When finalized during the next grant year, the benchbook will provide the California judiciary with a comprehensive guide to sexual assault cases in one volume. The benchbook is unique nationally in this field and represents a significant addition to the available judicial tools in this subject area. The new benchbook not only explains the legal issues related to sexual assault but also assists judicial officers in making effective and appropriate orders and decisions in these cases. The benchbook is especially helpful because the law in this area is particularly complex, and judicial officers have noted a need for more information.

The progression of chapters in the benchbook adheres to the chronology of a sexual assault case, and it contains the following components:

- Management of Sex Crime Cases;
- Warrants;
- Arraignment;
- Media Relations;
- Discovery;
- Statutes of Limitation;
- Protection of the Victim;
- Preliminary Hearing;
- Trial;
- DNA Evidence;
- Child Witnesses;
- Sentencing; and
- Sexually Violent Predators.

Annual Report and Fact Sheet

VAWEP has developed a project annual report and a basic project fact sheet that highlight key accomplishments and activities and that supply details about the project, its faculty, and staff. These documents are available on the California Courts Web site: www.courtinfo.ca.gov. More than 2,000 judicial officers in California will receive and have Web access to these documents.

GOALS FOR FUTURE FUNDING CYCLES

In anticipation of funding for future grant cycles, VAWEP has set the following goals for the 2005–2006 project year (subject to approval and available funding):

- Convene three meetings of the project’s advisory committee;
- Conduct four programs at the Continuing Judicial Studies Program on issues of domestic violence and sexual assault;
- Conduct two workshops, on domestic violence and sexual assault, at the B. E. Witkin Judicial College of California;
- Develop and disseminate a project fact sheet and an annual report;
- Convene a domestic violence judicial institute;
- Convene four training workshops for rural judges on selected issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking;
- Update, publish, distribute, and post online practical guides for judges that address topics of protective orders, immigration and domestic violence, full faith and credit and firearms, and stalking;
- Publish, distribute, and post online a judicial benchbook on sexual assault;
- Provide for a speakers bureau or targeted local technical assistance to allow courts to receive information about topics most pertinent to them related to domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking;
- Convene a firearms colloquium to discuss practices for the relinquishment of firearms; and
- Convene a court forum on CLETS to develop short- and long-term strategies for entering restraining orders into the statewide database system.

VAWEP staff will continue to assess the greatest training, educational and technical assistance needs of the California judiciary so that judicial officers can optimally address the complex issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking currently facing the courts.

VAWEP FACULTY

Judicial officers, researchers, and others have served as faculty for various VAWEP events. The project is extremely grateful to these individuals for sharing their expertise with others in an effort to educate judicial officers, court staff, and professionals in other disciplines about issues of domestic and sexual violence. The following is a comprehensive list of all those who assisted the project from October 2004 through September 2005:

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STOP GRANT PURPOSE AREAS

STOP formula grants are intended for use by states; state, local, and tribal courts; Indian tribal governments; units of local government; and nonprofit, nongovernmental victim services programs. Grants supported through this program must fall into one or more of the following statutory program purpose areas:

- Training law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors to more effectively identify and respond to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence.
- Developing, training, or expanding units of law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors specifically targeting violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence.
- Developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services programs, including sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence programs; developing or improving delivery of victim services to underserved populations; providing specialized domestic violence court advocates in courts where a significant number of protection orders are granted; and increasing reporting and reducing attrition rates for cases involving violent crimes against women, including crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence.
- Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing stalking.
- Supporting formal and informal statewide, multidisciplinary efforts, to the extent not supported by state funds, to coordinate the response of state law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, victim service agencies, and other state agencies and departments to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence.
- Providing assistance to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in immigration matters.